



BIG STRIKE NOT LIKELY

Head of Trainers' Organization on Question of Wage Increase

PRESIDENT HAWLEY SPEAKS DIFFERENTLY

Railway Managers Assert That They Have Plenty of Switchmen

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—President W. G. Lee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said today in reference to published reports that the roads of the country are on the verge of a great war...

DETOUR

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4.—William Cotter, president of the Pere Marquette and Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroads, said today that he did not believe there would be a big general railroad strike as intimated in despatches from Chicago...

GENERAL STRIKE POSSIBLE

ST. PAUL, Dec. 4.—On the authority of President Frank J. Murphy of the Switchmen's Union, it was announced here today that if the railroad managers insist on making a general strike possible...

SWITCHMEN APPARENTLY BEATEN

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Late tonight the general managers' committee of the railroads involved in the strike issued the following statement through G. L. Dickson, of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad...

Some of the mills at Minneapolis and other industries temporarily suspended have resumed business, and the mines at Butte are open...

HEAVY AT JORDAN RIVER

Rainfall Amounted to Twenty-Two Inches According to Reports

Late November's phenomenal rains, which were the cause of so much loss and inconvenience in the city and along the line of the E. & N. railway, were felt with equal severity at Jordan river...

"SEA WOLF" BUYS GASOLINE LAUNCH

Capt. Alex. McLean, of sealing notices, sometime called "The Sea Wolf," has purchased a 50-ton gasoline launch to engage in the carrying trade between Ladysmith and Vancouver...

SHIPWRECK INDICATED

Cabin Washed Ashore Near Mouth of Quillayute River Yesterday

MANY CANS OF OIL FOUND BY INDIANS

U. S. Life-Saving Steamer Snohomish Sent Out to Investigate

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PREDICTS LORDS' DEFEAT

LONDON, Dec. 2.—W. T. Stead sums up the chances of the parties in the coming election: "When the Liberals go to the country they will ask for a mandate to determine once and for all the vote of the peers upon legislation and to vest the sole control of finance in the Commons, giving legislative effect to all financial measures passed by the representatives' chamber without the assent of the Lords."

NEWFOUNDLAND'S GREAT STORM

Many Schooners and Fishing Boats Pounded to Pieces Along Coast

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.D., Dec. 6.—The vivid idea of the disaster wrought by the storm which hit Newfoundland last night is being made plain by the reports of the fishermen of the coast...

MISSIONER FACE CRIMINAL CHARGE

Foreigner Marries Couple Canadian Soil Despite Warnings

DISREGARDED WARNING

Sheriff Richards tells the incident of the steamer Charlotte brought to this city by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police...

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**THE ACTING PREMIER.**

The W. J. Bowser is a fairly busy man these fine December days. He is Attorney-General, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, and Acting Premier, and we undertake to say that neither of the departments over which he will have to preside will suffer by reason of the multiplicity of his duties, for Mr. Bowser possesses a great faculty for work. He is a bundle of energy, and combines with it admirable administrative abilities.

Few British Columbia public men have ever grown so in public esteem as the Acting Premier. When he took office under Mr. McBride, he was a good deal of an unknown quantity, and his political friends watched with interest to see how he would meet the requirements of the position of first law officer of the Crown. He has acquitted himself with great success, and has won the esteem of his friends, the respect of his opponents, and the confidence of the public. As a parliamentarian, Mr. Bowser is developing very rapidly. At the outset he may have been a little too combative, but he has grown wiser by experience, and his more recent speeches on public affairs show him to be inspired by ideas that will in time develop into statesmanship of a very high order. Mr. Bowser is a man who may go far in public life, for he has many of the qualities which assure success. He is a forcible speaker and a good debater; he is fearless; he is loyal to his friends and he is fair-minded. He never denies his love for his political party; but the first person he has yet to say that he has permitted his feelings in the discharge of his official responsibilities. He did some splendid campaign work previous to the election, and he has that quality which arouses the enthusiasm of his friends.

**A BOARD OF CONTROL.**

A few months ago many people in Victoria were discussing the advisability of constituting a Board of Control in municipal matters, and there seems to be a growing sentiment in its favor. Recently nothing has been said about it publicly, but it is a question that might be considered with advantage. Montreal adopted the plan after a heated contest. At present there is no statutory machinery to provide for the appointment of such a board, and we venture to suggest that during the forthcoming session of the House a measure might be introduced authorizing the city to adopt the plan whenever the ratepayers may so decide.

There is a very general dissatisfaction with the existing system of municipal government. It does not satisfy anybody, those who are administering it at least of all; for every member of the City Council knows quite as well as his critics that he is unable to give that attention to the business of the city which its importance demands. He also knows that his tenure of office amounts against his obtaining that amount of information regarding the needs of the city that he ought to have and prevents him from exercising his powers with that degree of independence which he ought to enjoy. We believe the majority of the people of Victoria would favor something in the nature of a Board of Control.

**B. C. IN THE SENATE.**

One of the matters relating to this province that will call for early consideration is its representation in the Senate. The population of British Columbia, when the Census of 1911 is taken, will doubtless be found to exceed that of New Brunswick; nevertheless the latter province has nine senators, while we have only three. This disproportion will have to be remedied in some way. We are aware that population was not the basis of senatorial representation in the first place, but so great a disparity between the membership from this province and that from the eastern provinces can hardly be allowed to continue without protest. We estimate that when the new census is taken it will be found that there will be one senator to every 95,000 people taking the Dominion as a whole, and it will hardly be equitable to permit one province, like Prince Edward's Island to have one for every 32,000, or New Brunswick to have one for every 40,000, while British Columbia will have only one for, possibly, every 120,000. Needless to say, we do not speak of this matter in any spirit of complaint. No one is to blame for it. It has simply come about in that way. If the promise of the present is fulfilled in the immediate future the disproportion against this province will be even greater than is estimated above.

The question involved is not without difficulties, for the senatorial representation of the eastern Maritime Provinces was the result of a pre-Confederation agreement, and therefore the only way to adjust matters under the existing system is to increase the number of British Columbia senators. The observations made herein will also apply in some degree to the Prairie Provinces. The difficulty will arise from the fact that as soon as Sir Wilfrid Laurier takes up the subject he will precipitate the whole question of senatorial reform, which is something that no one seems ready to deal with, although every one admits that it must receive consideration at an early day.

**NAVAL DEFENCE.**

The Toronto Weekly Sun, which styles itself "an independent journal for farm and home," is very outspoken in its condemnation of the proposed naval policy of Canada. It is glad that the amount to be expended is not as great as at one time seemed likely but it says the sum involved is immaterial. What it objects to is the principle, and this it claims is likely to "endanger our friendly relations with the United States, and involve us in what is termed 'the immoral and ultimately disastrous two-power idea.'"

It takes the position that the government has had no mandate from the people to embark in naval expenditure, and it asks every one to sign a petition that is being widely circulated protesting against such action. The petition sets forth the above reasons for delay in acting upon the resolution of last session, and further declares that no constitutional means exist whereby the people of Canada can have a voice in the declaration of war, the conduct of hostilities or the conclusion of peace.

It seems to us that this is to beg the whole question. Pushed to their logical conclusion, the Sun's arguments would close every naval shipyard in the Empire and dismantle every ship of war. In other words the richest and the most extensive empire in all the world would place itself in a position where it would be helpless against any foe. If a two-power standard is immoral, any standard would be immoral, and unless the Empire is to be wholly undefended, the component parts of the Empire must be prepared to do their share in its defence. This seems so obvious that we cannot see how any one can hold a contrary conclusion. We admit at once that, if the United States was in a position to do so, it would take care that no foreign power should ever possess itself of Canada; but if this is to be the policy of the Dominion let us be honest about it and ask our neighbors to take us into the Union so that we can contribute our share to the cost of our own defence. It seems to us that Canada has only two alternatives to choose between. One of them is contribution to the defence of the Empire of which it is a member, and the other, contribution to the defence of the United States of which it is not a member. We think most Canadians will prefer the former.

**THE BRITISH CRISIS.**

The British Parliament is to be prorogued, but not dissolved for the present, at least, according to yesterday's despatches. The government forces are preparing for the fray, and tomorrow the battle against the Lords will begin. We can only surmise why a dissolution has not been proclaimed, but possibly it is due to a desire to postpone the elections until after the Christmas holidays. The prorogation is to January 17th, at which date Parliament may resume its sittings, if the Prime Minister deems it advisable. In the meanwhile there will be a vigorous campaign. It is difficult to say which side stands to gain by a deferred dissolution. With the issue presented by the action of the House of Lords out of the way, we would be inclined to think the Conservatives could win on the question of tariff reform; but the manner in which the agitation has been begun indicates that the whole nation will be thrown into a ferment over the single issue involved in the veto power of the hereditary chamber. Under these circumstances it is impossible at this stage to make even a likely guess at the result.

Readers of the cable despatches ought to bear in mind that the leading newspapers of London are almost all in sympathy with the Conservatives. This fact makes it quite impossible for people outside of the United Kingdom to get an impartial view of events as they transpire. This is a source of weakness to the Liberals in one sense; but we may be sure that the fact will be made the most of by them for they will claim that the great newspaper owners are themselves members of the class, that is fighting for the preservation of its privileges.

It is almost too much to suppose that popular demonstrations that may take

place between now and the New Year may change the attitude of the Lords and lead them to reconsider their position. This is a possible outcome of the situation. If the popular protest is as strong as some of the Liberal leaders evidently expect it to be and as seems to be the object of the Liberal organizers, Lord Lansdowne may accept it as a sufficient indication of the attitude of the people to ask his supporters to reconsider their position. It is not, however, to be taken for granted that because the prorogation is to January 17th, there may not be a dissolution in the meanwhile. A merely formal prorogation is usually for forty days. Of course the House can be dissolved at any time; the date to which Parliament is prorogued having no bearing upon the matter at all.

With a general election and Santa Claus both in sight, truly the lot of the British public man just now is not one of unalloyed happiness.

The E. & N. management have made splendid progress in getting their line into shape after the damage done by the recent rain. The cooler weather will help matters to some extent, for it will freeze the snow on the higher levels and thus give the streams a chance to resume their normal volume.

Mr. Rudolphe Lemieux, speaking of Canada to a reporter for the London Daily Mail said, "We are and intend to remain a nation within the British Empire." He declared the policy of the Ottawa government to be the advancement of Imperial solidarity.

A project is on foot to introduce irrigation on a large scale into Mesopotamia. There was a time when the region between the Euphrates and the Tigris was a veritable garden. The history of Babylon shows that it was once a country of marvellous productivity.

The retirement of Sir John Fisher from the position of First Sea Lord of the Admiralty will give rise to some speculation as to his cause. He can hardly be because of his age, for he is only three years older than his successor, Sir Joseph Wilson, and it has never been suggested that he is at all unfit for the duties of his position.

H.M.S. Indefatigable, when launched will be the most terrific engine of war ever devised. She will be 60 feet longer than the largest of the other ships of the Dreadnought class, and her engines of 45,000 horse power are expected to give her a speed of 28 knots if necessary. With her 12-inch guns she can deliver a "broadside" of shells, weighing over three tons and effective at a range of five miles. This seems like the last word in naval power.

The Trades and Labor Council have made a trial of proportional voting at a mock ballot, and the results, other bodies might also experiment with it so as to familiarize themselves with the system. We will be very glad to give what information we have to any organization that would like to test the system. The object of proportional representation, as it is called, is to prevent a minority of the voters from electing a majority of the representatives, or a small majority of voters from electing an overwhelming majority of representatives.

It is hardly fair to the Board of Trade to suggest that it proposes to maintain a lobby in opposition to the Canadian Northern contract. In the first place no one has a right to say what the Board will decide to do, and in the next place, we do not believe the members of that body have the least intention of setting themselves up in opposition to the government. As we look at the matter, it would be the duty of the Board to take action along the lines said to be contemplated if the opponents of the government in the House were several times more numerous than they will be. Victoria has a great interest in the proposed measure, and with all due respect to Messrs. Jardine, Brewster, Hawthornthwaite and Williams, the Board could not reasonably ask them to attend to the features of the case, which especially concern Victoria. We assume that the government would welcome any assistance which the Board of Trade can give in making the railway measure as satisfactory as possible to the people of this city.

Large Lumber Shipment  
The James Leigh & Sons Milling Company has just completed a shipment of eleven cars of lumber to the Northwest territories at the advanced rate of \$3 per thousand feet. This was the rate last week, but there has been a slight decrease since then.

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THIS STORE IS FILLED WITH USEFUL GIFTS

**CHOOSE THE XMAS GIFT AT WEILER'S**

And You'll Get the Utmost Value—Will Give the Fullest Enjoyment

WE ARE told that our assortment of suitable and sensible Xmas Gifts is without a rival as to comprehensiveness. A visit will convince you that this is true. One of the pleasing features of the showing is the preponderance of little-priced things—a wealth of choice for those who have many gifts to make and whose individual appropriation is therefore limited.

Preparations on all sides should convince you that it is high time to make the selection. In China and Glass the offerings this season are far ahead of anything we have ever before attempted. In Linens, Carpets, Rugs, etc., the greatest display in the west is offered you, while in furniture there are two large floor teeming with gift suggestions.

Weiler's for Xmas Gifts—especially if your money must go a long way.

**Impossible to List the Offerings, But Here Are a Few**

Hearth Rugs  
Sofa Cushions  
Oriental Rugs  
Linen Drawnwork  
Music Cabinets  
China Cabinets  
Writing Desks  
Morris Chairs

Parlor Tables  
Parlor Chairs  
Library Tables  
Card Tables  
Book Cases  
Magazine Stands  
Reed Chairs  
China Novelties

Table Cutlery—  
Brass Goods  
Chafing Dishes  
Art Lamps  
Electric Lamps  
Smokers Sets  
Sewing Sets  
Table Linens

**Get a Spark Guard**

Every Fire Place Should Have One

With snow covering the ground the cheerfulness of the fireplace fire is doubly desirable these nights. But no open fireplace is safe without the protection of a wire spark guard. You can go to bed with a real sense of security if you own one of these guards, and the prices are easy enough to permit every home with a fireplace owning one.

The assortment of styles and sizes offers one for every demand of style. This year's showing is the most complete we have ever offered, but we suggest that you come in today and choose yours, for with weather like this they'll soon be thinned out.

**Bright Finish Spark Guards**

Made of best quality of wire—closely woven. A serviceable guard that will last for years—  
Size 24 x 30 in., at ..... \$1.75  
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**Copper Wire Guards**

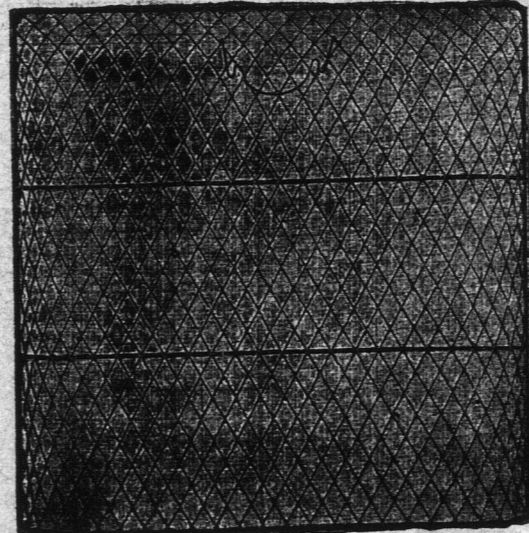
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**Brass Wire Spark Guards**

Made of closely woven brass wire, and, of course, attractive and durable as brass is—  
Size 24 x 30 in., at ..... \$6.00  
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Size 36 x 30 in., at ..... \$7.00

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The down quilt is the recognized peer in the bedding line, and McLintock creations are easily the leaders. The quality of the down is better, the coverings are of better quality and far more handsome, design and coloring than any offered by any other maker. For such quilts we think you'll agree these prices are decidedly fair indeed.

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A magnificent showing of Scotch and Canadian Wool Blankets. Prices start as low as \$3.50 per pair.

**Don't Use a Chair as a Foot Rest**

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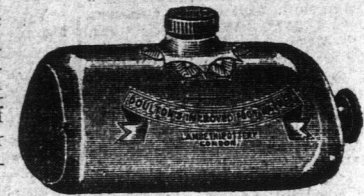
Ever sat in an easy chair and pulled up another chair to serve as a foot rest? Think you have! Doesn't look quite as nice as one of these foot rests. You can use one yourself, and if you try one before Christmas, we believe you'll like it so well you'll send its mate to some friend as a holiday gift.

Made of Oak, finished in Golden or Early English. Upholstered in Leather. Priced easy at \$3.00.

**WARM YOUR FEET ON THESE**

Keep your feet warm while in bed and make one important move toward good health. A sound, comfortable sleep is a great health builder. Try one of the Doulton Stone-ware Footwarmers, and you'll enjoy real comfort.

These are the ideal "hot water bottle." They are practically everlasting. Nothing to wear out. Retain the heat longer than other styles. We have a few left, and we advise that you come in today and choose one.



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**JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FIGHT ON**

Battle For Heavyweight Championship Probably Will Take Place Salt Lake City.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Johnson fight for the world championship of the world fought either in Salt Lake or in the vicinity of Salt Lake on July 4 next, and a 45-round contest were scheduled today. Neither contestants is to engage in the contest before the date of fight. Both it is further must enter active training twenty days before the contest gloves are to be used. The referee is to be straight Marquis of Queensberry while the referee is to be least sixty days before the fight.

R. W. Murphy, a New York proprietor, is the temporary holder and he may serve as both fighters want to have bank serve as stakeholder said that difficulty was facing one to assume the title.

**NANAIMO HARBOR**

NANAIMO, Dec. 3.—The Edward arrived in the harbor today and will in a day or two dredge the south channel harbor, which will widen its length along this important part of the harbor will be dredged and the capacity probably increased.

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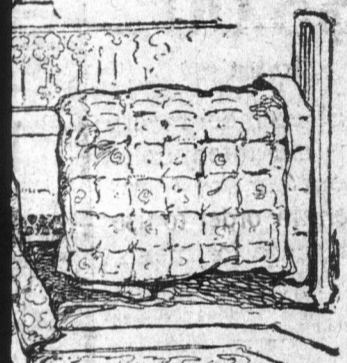
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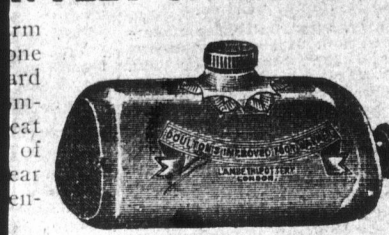
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JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FIGHT ON JULY 4

Battle For Heavyweight Championship Probably Will Take Place at Salt Lake City.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Jeffries-Johnson fight for the heavyweight championship of the world will be fought either in Salt Lake City, Utah in the vicinity of San Francisco 45-round contest were signed by the contestants to engage in any boxing contest before the date of the big fight. Both it is further stipulated that must enter active training at least ninety days before the fight. Five ounce gloves are to be used and the straight Marquis of Queensberry rules, while the referee is to be selected at least thirty days before the contest.

The Stakeholder. R. W. Murphy, a New York hotel proprietor, is the temporary stakeholder and he may serve permanently. Both fighters want to have a western bank serve as stakeholder, but it was said that difficulty was found in getting one to assume the responsibility.

NANAIMO HARBOR

NANAIMO, Dec. 3.—The dredge King Edward arrived in the harbor yesterday and will in a day or two commence dredging the south channel of Nanaimo harbor, which will widen the whole length along the coast.

The following are the vital statistics for Nanaimo and district for November: Deaths, 28; marriages, 11; births, 24. The extension accounts for the abnormally large number of deaths.

Some two years ago, J. J. Burke of Alberni, B. C. lost a valuable team of horses in a peculiar manner. The animals were frightened and bolted into the woods, and as far as Mr. Burke was concerned were never seen again.

POLLING BEGINS ON JANUARY 3

Liberals and Unionists Already Deep in Election Campaign

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The election campaign is already in full swing, and many speeches were delivered tonight in all parts of the country.

England has before it a month of bitterest political conflict, ending with the general election on January 17.

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HOUSE DEBATE ON GAMBLING

Members Divided in Opinion on Question of Betting at Race Tracks

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—The much-mooted question of racetrack gambling, concerning which parliament has been overwhelmed by a deluge of petitions, was precipitated into the deliberations of the House today when the bill proposed by H. H. Miller of South Grey came up for second reading.

The chief of the bill is to put down the business of pool-selling, bookmaking and betting, but it was not so simple as that. The bill was strongly intrenched in the minds of members on both sides that it was impossible to legislate anything into the public, and that good could only be accomplished by education.

Three cabinet ministers expressed themselves. Mr. Aylesworth gave a dispassionate history of gambling which seems to be, he declared, strongly denounced by the British people.

The speaker gave his ruling on the point raised by Mr. Meighen yesterday as to Sir Wilfrid Laurier not electing to sit for either Ottawa or Quebec East.

Queen's University Status. KINGSTON, Dec. 3.—A special meeting of the trustees of Queen's University today decided to appoint a committee to confer with the general assembly's committee on the subject of the university to the Presbyterian church.

Indian Quack Shoots Boy. SUDBURY, Ont., Dec. 3.—White Cloud, an Indian patient medicine man, known throughout Ontario, is in jail on Wednesday night when yet another victim of his quackery was shot.

United States Navy. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Warning the government that it might be compelled by them back at an increased cost, Secretary Meyer of the U. S. to the president, today recommended the retention for the present of all navy yards owned by the government.

Homeless Board. A traveler in Arkansas came to a cabin and heard a terrifying series of groans and sobs. It sounded as if murder was being committed.

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Boy Drowned. HALBURTON, Dec. 3.—The ten year old son of Wm. Hoyce, a farmer at Maple Lake, was drowned while playing on the ice in the lake.

Victim of Apoplexy. TORONTO, Dec. 3.—Stricken with apoplexy, Daniel Wilson, ex-Mayor of Toronto, died yesterday at the Hotel Iroquois hotel. He was 50 years old.

Gets Medal for Saving Life. CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 3.—Herbert Yates, son of H. Yates, a Cornwall merchant was presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal for heroic conduct in saving life. Yates saved four little boys from drowning last August.

Woman Burned to Death. ST. JOHN'S, N.B., Dec. 3.—Mrs. J. W. Jamieson, 45 years of age was going down stairs with a lit lamp when her hand, when the lamp exploded, her clothing caught fire and she was burned to death. Her husband, who is an invalid, was unable to assist her.

Branch in Calgary. CALGARY, Dec. 3.—A Spokane wagon manufacturing company has created a demand for its goods in the Canadian west that it has decided to establish a Canadian factory at Calgary. An industrial site has been secured in East Calgary, and work on a commodious factory will be started in spring.

Calgary Improvements. CALGARY, Dec. 3.—The report of the city engineer shows that during the past year 63.4 miles of street paving were completed, as compared with 11.4 miles last year. In addition to paving there has been a marked extension of the sewer and water works systems and concrete sidewalks.

Captain Bernier's Work. TORONTO, Dec. 3.—Captain J. E. Bernier, navigator, Arctic explorer, addressed a large gathering of the Empire Club here on the great north of Canada. He said that he had claimed all the northern islands for Canada, and that the United States had seemed to agree to this, for they had recognized Canada as "Mistress of the Northern Isles."

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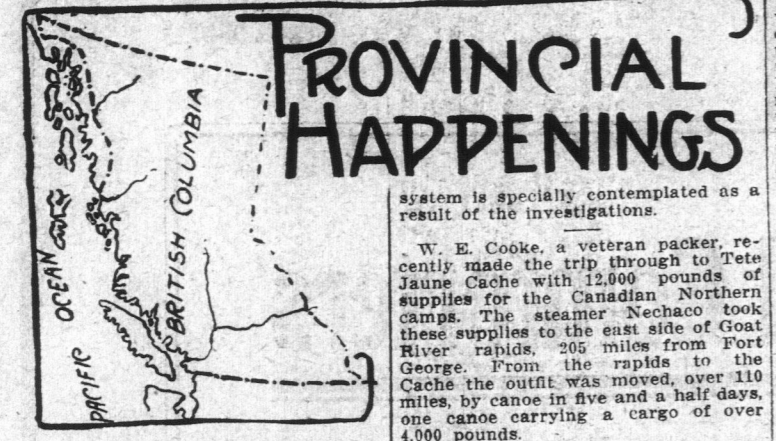
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Grand Trunk Earnings

MONTREAL, Dec. 3.—Grand Trunk railway earnings for the period ending Nov. 30 increased \$10,571, compared with last year.

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS



Fernie's new municipal light system is now in service. The damage by the recent floods to Vancouver's water system is estimated by Superintendent Madison as \$3,000.

The municipal elections campaign in New Westminster is already in full swing. Cranbrook is coming forward as a challenger rival to Nelson for the centralized trade of the Kootenays.

The close-down of the Extension mine of the Wellington Colliery Co. in consequence of flood damage, is announced to continue for another week.

Long distance telephone connection between Nelson and Cranbrook is projected and is being vigorously promoted by Cranbrook business men.

The Diamond Vale collieries in the Similkameen are to resume at the first of the new year, with double the old staff.

At Nelson on Wednesday last the marriage was solemnized by Robert W. Hutchinson, of Salmo, and Miss Bertina Morrison English, late of Boston.

Alf Spears, a former baggage man running on the C.P.R. between Lagan and the Coast, was badly injured Tuesday by the accidental discharge of a gun, while duck hunting.

Revelstoke's most pressing problem of the present is the securing of the completion of the Arrowhead and Kootenay railway and construction of a railway into the Big Bend country.

The Salmon Arm municipal council has adopted a petition to the local government for a money grant for the repair of trunk roads through the municipality.

The Pacific Coast Colliery Co. have struck a 20-foot seam of coal in the No. 1 shaft of their Blair property. This is stated to be the record for the Nicola valley.

Railway construction from Midway Merritt will give a district rich in scenic glimpses, agricultural land, coal, metalliferous mines and good timber areas. The future of the country is especially promising.

The directors of the Royal Columbian hospital, at New Westminster, are planning for a new hospital, submitted by Architects Gardiner and Salt. Final decision was made at a meeting on the 15th inst.

The burial of the Japanese victims of last Sunday's disaster on the Great Northern, near Vancouver, took place at South Vancouver cemetery, 8:30 a.m. The service was conducted by the Buddhist faith for the majority of the victims.

Two powder manufacturing concerns are seeking sites in or near New Westminster. The one will probably secure three sites near the Cariboo stage City Board of Trade last week discovered, to its amazement, that it owns.

G. F. Welch, an old and esteemed resident of the Royal City, is at the Victoria hospital recovering from internal injuries received in a fall down the stairway at his home. Complete recovery is promised by the attendant physician.

H. J. Cooper, a blacksmith at the St. Eugene, the big mine of the Crown's Nest country, has recently made a miner's candlestick which is the property of Foreman John Cannon. It was sent to Cranbrook for finishing and polishing by Jeweler V. H. Wilson.

Chief Constable Barr has brought down to Ashcroft jail a man named Clark, believed to have been implicated in the hold-up of the Cariboo stage November. Clark was committed on a charge of perjury and awaiting appeal at Kamloops.

Two new ice breakers of an improved type have been completed at Nakusp for service on the Arrow lakes. They have the form of barges, are completely sheathed with rubber. Each cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Four ice breakers are now in service on the Kootenay lakes.

John Lamont, a workman employed in the C. P. R. shops at Nelson, was killed a few days ago by being struck on the head by a piece of a thrusting wheel. He was grinding the jaws of a fragment striking him just above the left eye, fracturing his skull. He expired a few hours after the accident.

Death on Thursday last claimed the well known Nat Condy, of East Delta. He had set out for a part of the farm which clearing in the evening, search was made for him and his lifeless body found. The cause of death was the cause of demise. The deceased was a native of Guelph, Ont., and leaves a widow and family.

Reginald Tansley, a young Englishman, recently arrived in British Columbia, was killed by a train at the Adams River Lumber Company's plant at Chase a few days ago, as a result of the amputation of both hands above the wrists. Tansley was working at the pile driver and failed to see the train as he was weighed down. The result may be imagined.

Messrs. McDougal and Marsden, Indian reserve commissioners, are touring the province collecting data touching the reserve problem, for the Department at Ottawa. The mission of the commissioners is to obtain first hand information from the Indians as to their grievances and conditions generally. Improvement of the education

work at Kamloops simultaneously with that on other points of the line covered by the agreement. Further, the copy of this resolution be forwarded to the member-elect for the Kamloops electoral district and each member of the government. And further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, requesting that the matter be taken up by the union.

INQUEST STILL CRAVS Question of Proper Coupling Remains Nebulous as Ever—Expert and Technical Testimony.

The long adjourned inquest on the Interurban train accident was resumed at Vancouver on Friday, but although two long sittings were held, the matter appears to be yet in sight. At the evening sitting the principal witnesses were Superintendent Purvis, the Interurban manager, and Mr. McQuarrie, the Interurban manager, and the question as to whether a proper coupling was made on the train before it started, was the chief topic of discussion.

A MAIL CARRIER'S LIFE Courier of the North Goes Through Lake Atlin—Frozen Hands and Feet as Souvenir.

An Atlin dispatch of yesterday states that while carrying mail across the ice from the settler town of Lake Atlin to Cape Portage, Dan Holland and Fred Taylor broke through the ice. A companion extricated the men with a knife. Holland and Taylor started for the nearest shelter, a mine shaft, but the ice was so thin that they were unable to reach it. The men were taken into Atlin on Monday. Lake Atlin was frozen over on December 1. It is the earliest closing of the lake on record.

FURTHER PROSECUTION IS ANTICIPATED Chinese Fear Another Outbreak Over Unsettled Question of Removing Josses

"I think bye and bye hatche more trouble Chinese town," said the Chinese courier when asked for his opinion regarding the recent rioting in Cape Breton Island. The Chinese in Cape Breton Island was a group of old timers, which had been in operation for many years. The rioting was caused by the Chinese fear of a recurrence of the rioting in the Chinese quarter over the proposed removal of the josses.

RECOGNITION FOR YOUNG HERO Public Testimony Suggested For "Jimmy" Calder, Who Saved His Life For a Friend.

Several correspondents of the Revelstoke Mail-Header are of the opinion that it is a matter of great importance to have public recognition of the heroism of "Jimmy" Calder, who was killed in the rescue of a drowning man in the Cariboo river. The rescue was a heroic one, and the young man's actions were a credit to the community.

AGAIN THE FATAL 22 Four-Year-Old Lad, of Larkin, Victim of the Latest Mischance With a Ready-Loaded Rifle.

The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Hayes, of Larkin, was killed by a bullet fired from a ready-loaded rifle. The incident occurred on Tuesday afternoon. The boy was playing with the rifle and the bullet struck him in the chest. He died shortly after.

KAMLOOPS AND THE RAILROAD Government to Make Urged to Divert C. P. Line and Build "Inland Capital" a Divisional Point.

As a result of a recent conference between the Board of Trade and the City Council of Kamloops on the subject of the Canadian Pacific railway route, it was decided to urge the government to divert the C. P. line and build a divisional point at Kamloops. This would be a great benefit to the city and the surrounding area.

First Aid to Injured TORONTO, Dec. 4.—The meeting of the St. John's Ambulance Association at the Parliament buildings yesterday, was in camera. The secretary reported that the organization now operates branches at Vancouver, Winnipeg, London, Toronto and Montreal, while classes are being regularly held in all these cities.

Stars in Conjunction The advent of the steel company brought about the conjunction of the stars. The company is a great success and is a credit to the community.

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Statement For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1938. Increase

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mation leading to the arrest of Jones was offered by Sheriff Griffen of Albion county, and the description of the fugitive was scattered broadcast.

When James arrived at Ladysmith one of the first persons with whom he became acquainted was Brown, the ex-deputy sheriff and keen pursuer of Jones.

When James was in this city he was interrogated by the authorities. He stated that he was born at Middleboro, Kentucky, leaving that state two years ago.

GOT \$595 WITH \$1 WAIST WILL BECOME NEXT MONTH

New York, N. Y.—A young woman walked into the store of Mrs. Anna Wassermann, 279 Grand street, and purchased a shirt waist for one dollar.

Voters to Deal With Issue Raised by Lords Some Time in January

PROROGATION IS FIXED FOR TODAY

Commons Passes Premier Asquith's Motion By Large Majority

LONDON, Dec. 2.—All the preliminaries to the great political battle are cleared away this afternoon.

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THE REVENU OF THE PROVINCE

Statement For the Fiscal Year Completed Shows an Increase

The statement of provincial revenue for the past fiscal year has been completed at the House of Commons.

THIEF AT WORK

Enters Government Street Premises and Steals Cash Register and Silk Goods.

Waiting no time in attempting to get the cash, but just picking up the cash register and walking out.

Death of Mrs. Stimson

VANCOUVER, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Stimson, widow of the late Charles Stimson, former proprietor of a wharf here, died today.

C. P. B. Not Affected

MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—The C. P. B. company states that there is no strike in any way affected by the switchmen's strike.

Argentine Gets Favor.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—It is understood that the restrictions against the importation of Argentine products will be relaxed.

France Takes No Action.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The Foreign Office today announces that there was no truth in the report published in some papers of the United States on Tuesday to the effect that France had ordered a warship from Martinique to Nicaragua because of alleged indignities suffered by French residents in Nicaragua.

TEACHERS STRIKE

Town of Sturgeon Falls in Financial Difficulties and Unable to Pay Salaries.

STURGEON FALLS, Ont., Dec. 2.—The teachers in the public schools here who have been on strike since midsummer, yesterday went on strike and the schools are all closed.

KILLED IN ROW

Vancouver Colored Man Shot By Colored Woman—Versions of the Affair Differ.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 2.—Pete Scurry, colored, brother of "Lige" Scurry, was killed by Julia Lewis, a colored woman, just before 6 o'clock.

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CONTROVERSY GROWS WARM

Variety of Comments On Fight Between Peers and the Government

MR. CHAMBERLAIN QUITE CONFIDENT

Unionists Quote Former Speech of Premier to Justify Lords

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MONUMENT TO MEXICAN

QUEBEC, Dec. 2.—The design submitted by Paul Chave of the monument which the Provincial government is to erect to the memory of the late Hon. Honore Mercier has been adopted.

Cigarette Statistics

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—Mr. Blain, of Peel who has for some years been trying to secure the passage of legislation prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of cigarettes, has secured from the minister of inland revenue some interesting figures regarding the industry.

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# RURAL AND SUBURBAN

## THE BEST POTATOES AND HOW TO GROW THEM

The potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) is one of the most important articles of food obtained from the vegetable kingdom. It is a native of South America, chiefly Chili and Peru, and is generally believed to have been brought from Virginia to Ireland in 1885 or 1886 by Thomas Herriott (who accompanied Sir Walter Raleigh on several of his voyages) and to have been planted near Cork.

**The Soil and Its Preparation**  
A good sandy loam, rather dry than otherwise, is that best suited for potatoes. Crops of good quality cannot be grown on wet, heavy, ungrained land, but anyone having such can greatly improve it by draining, trenching, throwing the soil up in ridges for the frost, wind and sun to pulverize and sweeten it through the winter. Partially decayed leaf soil road grit, old potting soil, charred garden refuse, half-decayed straw manure, lime, etc., are all good things for improving heavy soils. Potatoes grown in very rich soil are never of such good table quality as those from one less rich, and are also more liable to disease. Ground that has been trenched and manured with a good dressing of stable manure for the previous crop is to be preferred to heavy manuring for the potato itself. Potatoes should not be grown on the same land two years running.

### Seed Potatoes and Their Treatment

Trials of potatoes have shown that a frequent change of seed is necessary if the best possible crops are to be grown, and that Irish and Scotch grown seed is the best, the reason given for this being that the tubers are not so ripe, and the contents being in a more soluble condition are more readily available as plant food, which gives the plant a quicker and more vigorous start. The seed should be perfectly sound and properly prepared for planting. To do this (before they begin to grow) spread them out thinly in a cool, light shed, or, better still, place them on end in boxes, with the crown end up, and stand these in a frame or on a greenhouse shelf close to the glass, but if the least frost gets to them they will be useless. Seed potatoes should weigh about 2oz., and the shoots should be reduced to the three strongest. It is not advisable to use cut seed for early varieties, but for main crop varieties potatoes weighing about 4oz., cut so that each half has three strong shoots, yield as good a crop as, and in some cases slightly better than, whole ones.

### Planting

The best time for this is from the beginning of March till the end of April. Once sown, once planted the first week in June and a fair crop resulted, but this was an exceptional case. Planting should not be done if the soil is at all wet. A good guide for this is, if it clogs the boots of the planter it is too wet and should be left till a more favorable time. For early varieties the rows should be about 20 inches apart and the sets 15 inches, for second earlies 2 feet and 1 foot 6 inches, and for strong-growing main crop varieties 2 feet 6 inches, and 20 inches. The dibber should not be used, except in the lightest soils, as it cases the soil round the hole and the roots have a difficulty in breaking through it, and the sets are almost certain to be at unequal depths. The best way is to stretch a line across the ground and take out a drill from 4 inches to 6 inches deep (the heavier the soil the more shallow the drill) with a spade or a heavy hoe, give a light dusting of quick-lime, plant the sets and cover. Pick off any stones, rake out any footmarks and leave the ground tidy.

### After Treatment

When the tops appear through the soil if there is any fear of frost they should have a little soil drawn over them, and when they get too high for this a little dry litter, stout paper, rhabarb leaves, hay, straw, evergreen branches or anything suitable that is to hand should be used, as the tops are very tender, and if the least frost-bitten are severely checked and often ruined. If weeds appear hoe them up, and when the tops are about 6 inches high fork over the soil between the rows and mould up with a heavy draw hoe. In clay soil the ridges should be drawn up rather pointed to throw off heavy rains, but in dry soil they should be left more open to let the rain in to the roots. Moulding should be well done to keep the crop covered, as a potato exposed to the light for a length of time is spoilt for eating or show.

### Lifting

For this a broad four-pronged fork is best, and great care should be exercised not to run it into the potatoes. Choose a bright day and let the crop remain on the ground a few hours to thoroughly dry. First pick up the store size, then the planting size and store separately; the small ones should always be picked up clean, as if any are left in the ground they are a great nuisance the following summer. If there is convenience to do so store potatoes should be kept for about three weeks before clamping. Burn the haulm and any diseased tubers.

### Clamping

Choose a dry piece of ground, smooth over the surface, lay a covering of straw on it, place the potatoes on this in ridges, cover with straw and then with 6 inches of soil taken out to form a trench on each side of the ridge. The straw should be pulled up in a tuft to protrude through the apex of soil at every 5 feet for ventilation. The clamp should run north to south, as then it is possible to open it at the south end without injury on a bright day during frosty weather if the potatoes are wanted.

### Potatoes for Show

Choose an open space of well-drained

ground, deeply trench it in the autumn and plant about the middle of March. The soil to be used is one-half old mushroom-bed soil and one-half good leaf-soil passed through a half-inch sieve. Take out a trench 1 foot wide and 1 foot deep and in this place 6 inches of the prepared soil and plant the sets down the centre. They should have been prepared as previously advised, and disbud shoots to the strongest one. Then place over them another 6 inches of the prepared soil and over this a little of that taken from the trench. If old mushroom-bed soil is not obtainable, clean leaf-soil is nearly as good. The rows should be 3 feet 6 inches apart, and the sets 2 feet. Hoe frequently, protect from frost and mould up as soon as fit with the best soil taken out of the trench. The haulm should be kept upright by driving some stakes down on both sides of each row and running some stout string along them. As soon as they are ripe they should be lifted. Have a shallow box at hand and into this place all the best tubers as they are got up, and shade from sun and air, as the less exposed they are the fresher they will look. Store in moist soil, and the day before showing wash them with soap and water, using a soft sponge. Finish off with a little new milk and wrap separately in soft white paper. Potatoes for show should be of good shape, shallow eyed, clear skinned and all in a dish of an even size.

### Potatoes in Pots and on Hot-beds

Soil—leaf-soil or old mushroom-bed soil one-half, good loam one-half. Properly prepared sets should be planted one in an 8-inch or two in a 10-inch pot. Disbud the shoots to two. Use clean well-crooked pots, and warm the soil before using. Half fill the pot with soil, plant the set, just cover, and top-dress later. Keep plants close to the glass and never force hard. Water with care. In frames on hot-beds the chief thing is to get a steady lasting heat. Use the same soil as for pots, and well protect from frost. The distance should be about 15 inches between rows and 1 foot between sets.

### Varieties

Among the best forcing and early varieties are: Yellow-fleshed—Sharpe's Victor, Early Ashleaf and Duke of York; white-fleshed—May Queen, Snowdrop and Ringleader; second early varieties—Sir J. Llewellyn, Duchess of Cornwall, Windsor Castle and Centenary; main crop varieties—Up-to-Date, The Factor, Discovery and Syon House Prolific; show varieties—Royalty, Empress—Queen, Monarch, Million-maker, Klondike, Advancer, Eldorado, Empire, Goodfellow, Snowball, Ruby Queen and Evergood.

### Diseases of the Potato

Phytophthora infestans.—This is the worst scourge the potato is subject to, and first came into prominent notice in 1845. Bordeaux mixture, properly applied, reduces the risk of this disease to a minimum. As the disease seldom appears before the middle of June, the first spraying should take place about then, a second about a month later, and, in bad seasons, another in August. Early varieties will only require spraying once, and in a favorable season not at all. Recipe for Bordeaux mixture: Copper sulphate (blue stone) 10oz., quicklime 6oz., water 5 gallons. Always use wooden vessels for this mixture. Dissolve the blue stone in some boiling water, mix the lime with water, strain through some coarse sacking, and add to the blue stone solution, then add enough water to make 5 gallons. Still wet it is ready for use. Well wet the leaves both top and under sides.

Winter Rot.—Flowers of sulphur sprinkled over them at the rate of 2lb. per ton when storing will destroy this fungus.

Wireworms, Beetles, etc.—Fresh gas lime applied in November at the rate of 4oz. per square yard will clear off most of these.—Ex.

### PRUNING CLIMBING ROSES

Our climbing roses are being submitted to rigid examination, and those that have flowered are pruned, not the kind of pruning the dwarf plants are subjected to, but all old stems are removed to the base. The object in pruning climbing roses is to preserve the strong wood of the present year, which will bear an abundance of flowers in 1909, and it is this that should remain to gain in strength and ripeness through greater exposure to sun air. We were looking at a fence of roses recently which was untouched, the owner believing that all pruning of climbing roses is a mistake; but, of course, the plants were growing weaker, the flowers were not satisfactory, and in a year or two nothing would remain except a thicket of weakly, flowered twigs. A thorough pruning was recommended, and the quantity of wood removed from these ramblers was astonishing. An example of the benefit of severe thinning out of old stems occurred two years ago; the rose was Dr. Rouges, a climber with flowers of so brilliant a color that they seemed filled with sunshine. No blossoms were forthcoming, but when the worst-out stems were removed and daylight let up the centre of the plant, the rose seemed happier; the year following a brilliant display lit up the corner of the garden in which it was planted, and at the present time it is the gayest rose in a large collection. Of course, all climbers must not be pruned at the same time, but according to the difference in the season of flowering. Some are early and some are late, but all must be relieved of old and weakly shoots immediately the flowers have faded.

### SAXIFRAGES AND THE BLANK WALL PROBLEM

The gardener who strives after a maximum of pleasing effect with a minimum of ordinary conventional type usually finds his ingenu-

ity severely taxed when his operations bring him face to face with a high blank wall. For days, perhaps for weeks, he wrestles with the problem, the wall staring him out of countenance all the time, until at last, his horticultural soul crushed by the weight of the relentless masonry, he feebly plants quick-growing ivy along its base, and lets it go at that. That is better than nothing, but the spirit rebels against being encompassed round with an everlasting 6-ft. to 10-ft. barrier of unbroken ivy. There are, of course, alternatives only restricted in number by the limits of the gardener's ingenuity. I have tried many of them, the most successful being the pressing of the saxifragas into the ameliorating scheme.

In this instance the section of wall dealt with is no more than six feet high, an ancient piece of stonework, but perfectly bald from base to coping. At the time its treatment was undertaken alterations were going on in the house, and the old plaster, lime and rubble were tipped along the base of the wall to a height of about 2 feet 6 inches. A rough edging of limestone chunks of rock were fixed along the front of this long mound, other chunks of limestone scattered about it, and a layer of soil thrown on it. Three kinds of saxifrage were then planted throughout its length, here and there among the stones, while along the top of it, and against the uncovered upper portion of the wall was planted golden ivy. The result is a most gratifying combination.

All through the winter, early spring and autumn the saxifragas clothe the rocky mound with dense green cushions, closely hugging the stones and packing every interstice, and in June they present a thick undulating mass of bloom, contrasting finely with the yellow ivy against which they are set, and conspicuous from the hills a mile away.—W. Carter Platt, in The Field.

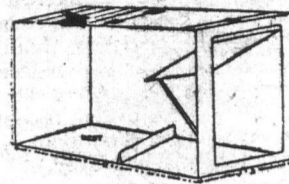
### STANHOPEAS

Of the many genera of orchids cultivated in gardens for the beauty and strange form of their flowers the stanhopeas and their relatives the coryphanthes are by far the most strikingly grotesque. When not in bloom they are quite ordinary in appearance, a cluster of furrowed, egg-shaped pseudo-bulbs each bearing a broad plaited green leaf after the style of the leaf of an aspidistra; but when the flowers appear, their size, fragrance and remarkable structure are such that they rarely fail to give rise to speculation as to the object of so much ingenuity in a flower. No doubt it has to do with insect attraction and consequent fertilization, still one may wonder what the peculiar circumstances were which led to the development of such an exceptionally intricate design. The powerful odour attracts the insect, a moth probably, which entering in search of honey by a cleverly contrived opening picks up the pollen on the way, and passing out through another opening carries the pollen to the next flower visited, depositing it on the sticky column or stigma, which is placed just where the pollen on the insect would be likely to come in contact with it. The flowers open quickly, sometimes bursting apart with a slight report, and they are of short duration, but whilst they are on they never fail to excite feelings of wonderment. There are about a dozen species, and they are all natives of tropical America. Fifty years ago stanhopeas were more in favor with orchid fanciers than they are today. Growing naturally on trees in moist forests, and pushing their flower racemes downwards, they are not easily accommodated except in a large teak or wire basket filled with a mixture of sphagnum moss and peat, and hung from the roof of a moist tropical house where they can receive shade from bright sunshine. The best examples we have ever seen were grown in an old-fashioned tropical conservatory where they obtained plenty of water in summer and none at all in winter. Here they had formed masses a yard through and every June they flowered gloriously.—The Field.

### POULTRY CULTURE.

Since the introduction of trap-nests into the poultry yard considerable improvement in egg production has been made, and the progress in this direction continues to the apparent satisfaction of the utility poultry-keeper. To ascertain individual records of hens trap-nests, although necessitating trouble and expense, are invaluable, and by their means the best laying strains are built up. At the Utility Poultry Club's Laying Competition splendid results have been achieved, and the value of the system—which has been in operation in America for many years—fully proved. It should be explained that trap-nests are contrivances which trap the hen when she has laid an egg, and before being released the number of the ring (placed on the leg when the bird is a pullet) is recorded on a chart. In many establishments every bird is numbered by means of the ring, and it is thus possible to ascertain the egg-producing merits each year, and by careful selection to improve the proficiency. Such records year by year mark the progress made, and if the duty is methodically undertaken by the poultry-keeper or his attendant, the work is not as laborious as it would appear. After a little experience the best time to visit the nests will be ascertained, and trouble minimized. Care has to be exercised in handling the hen after laying, but after being taken off the nest a few times they do not object to being handled; in fact, will remain quiet, apparently awaiting release by the attendant. There are many kinds of trap-nests at present placed on the market from which a choice can be made, whilst home-made contrivances are often successfully used. In the Poultry World for April 10, a simple trap-nest made from an ordinary grocer's box was illustrated, and for the read-

er's benefit is explained. Any box with suitable proportions can be utilized for the purpose, the best size being 2 feet long, 1 foot 2 inches wide, and 1 foot 6 inches high. Remove one end of the box, and place a strip of wood across the middle inside, about 3 inches wide; cover half the top with strips of wood, and make a flap door of front top-half; do not button down—for lifting the hen out after she has laid, which can be easily seen out after she has laid. Nail two strips of wood 3 inches wide down the sides of front, also a strip across top and bottom, same width. A swinging flap to fall against the sides, to the top strip, from the inside, and should be properly hinged. The flap is now held up with a loose piece of stick about 6 inches long, and as the hen crosses the centre piece she lifts the flap a little with her tail, which releases the stick and the trap drops. To make it more effective, a spring catch can



A Simple Trap-Nest Easily Made

be fixed to the bottom strip, but it is not necessary. It is better to make the flap to fall about 2 inches above it.

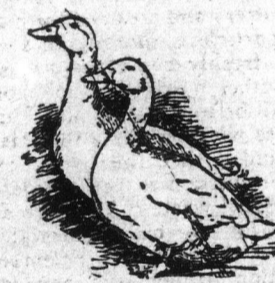
Black Leghorns continue to be popular, especially amongst town or suburban poultry-keepers, who find them excellently suited for close confinement, and when scratching sheds are improvised the egg-basket is well filled throughout the year. A reader, who failed to obtain good results from mixed breeds, was tempted to turn his attention to Black Leghorns for his backyard poultry runs, and writes that he has kept a record of the eggs laid by seven pullets and retail value from December to September last. In the ten months this small flock laid 995 eggs, value 44 9s. 0d., and they are still laying. He writes in high praise of the wonderful activity displayed by the Black Leghorns, and the small amount of food they consume, whilst the large-sized eggs laid are surprising for a small fowl. He advises all whose space is limited to give this breed a trial, as he finds that, excepting during moult, laying continues all the year. The secret of prolific laying in this breed, it may be added, is to keep the hens free from fat, but full of vigor and healthful activity.

Many poultry-keepers overlook the important part which lime plays as a necessary ingredient in fowls' food, and need to be constantly reminded that laying hens and growing chicks must be supplied with lime in some form. When it is considered that the egg shell is very largely composed of lime, all of which is taken from the hen's organism, and that in 500 2oz. eggs it is estimated about 7lb. of lime is used, the absolute importance is apparent. Whilst if not provided in sufficient quantities soft-shelled eggs and hens eating eggs to obtain lime for shell-making will be the inevitable result. One-tenth the weight of a fowl is composed of mineral matter, of which phosphate of lime forms a considerable portion. When hens are moulting almost half of this is required in the feathering, which is naturally a drain on the system. Grain and other foods supply lime and mineral matter, but not sufficient for the hen's requirements when prolific egg production is the desideratum. Further, growing chickens demand lime to perfect the frame and feathering, whilst leg weakness is often the result of insufficient lime being supplied. Oyster-shells—calcined—are rich in lime, and easy to obtain. Most poultry food dealers supply it at 3s per cwt., which is a good investment where any large number of fowls are kept. Bones contain a large proportion of phosphate of lime and phosphoric acid, and green cut bone, dry bone dust, or bone in beef scraps is excellent for this purpose. Clover hay is rich in lime, whilst grass supplies a moderate percentage. Many experienced breeders make a practice of liming the corn, and any grain can be so treated and will be found to destroy parasites, prevent fowl cholera, and is no wise injurious to health. The method adopted is simple: Pile the corn in a conical-shaped heap, and pour a mixture of lime and water on it, stirring well with a stick, take a wooden spade and work the heap well, until each grain is coated, when it can be left to dry and used as required. Poultry in confinement must always have a supply of lime and a small box filled with calcined oyster shells, nailed to the side of the house, about a foot from the ground, also a second box in the same position, filled with sharp flint grit. Such essentials are as important as food to hens to enable the birds to become successful laying machines.

A Bedford reader is advised that on many up-to-date establishments ducks are mated up in the autumn, so as to incubate (by artificial means) eggs in November, and by this means ducklings can be got ready for killing early in the new year, which brings in good returns, providing they are of the right stock. It is regretted that farmers and others with housing accommodation do not give this matter attention in the fall of the year, instead of waiting until the spring. In mating up such massive breeds as Aylesbury, Pekin Rouens, three ducks to a drake is sufficient, and it is important both male and female should be well matured and in their second season. Good housing is necessary, although any farm building dry and well ventilated, and well bedded with

straw, will answer for duck breeding. The stock birds may be given plenty of liberty to improve egg-supply, whilst water to swim in will ensure fertility. Although smaller breeds, such as Indian Runners, Khaki or Buff Orpington ducks, require less water, still a brook is advisable for all breeds of water fowl. Judicious feeding is of greatest importance, otherwise un fertile eggs will result, whilst shell-making materials must not be neglected. Soft foods of a fattening nature must now be sparingly given, and Indian meal, barley meal, and potatoes, also maize, be avoided altogether for the breeding ducks. Oats will be the best of all grain supplied, and may be steeped in water, or rolled, whilst cracked peas and beans are good. Animal food must be given. Beef scraps are excellent. Grit and coarse sand must be regularly supplied to promote digestion.

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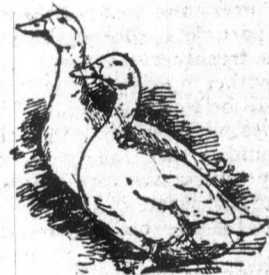
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Prospective winter layers are in many yards a source of anxiety, and advice is solicited as to the best means to adopt. It is inadvisable to force egg-production until proper development and maturity is ensured, and the problem of a considerable of hatching, only be solved by a careful attention to hatching, rearing, and proper feeding. Many poultry keepers are overfeeding their birds, or rather feeding too generously on overfattening and starchy foods, forgetting that it is not fat but flesh, frame and muscle that is wanted to ensure the necessary surplus of energy for egg-production. Barley meal, Indian meal, maize or potatoes should be excluded from the bill of fare for growing pullets, but nitrogenous foods, including meat, substituted; in fact, it is surprising the difference meat and green cut butchers' bone makes in the egg supply. Attention has lately been directed to the "Oxford Ideal" poultry meal, sent out from one of the oldest mills in this country—Church Mills, Standlake, Oxford, established over 200 years. This meal is giving excellent results, and analysis proves it to be a general utility, and perfectly balanced ration containing meat, biscuit meal, linseed, clover meal.

After being scalded and dried off with sharps or middlings it makes a capital food for growing fowls and laying hens, and may be used to advantage by breeders. As over-fatted poultry are so numerous in the autumn months it will be wise to mention that oats is the best grain for laying hens, inasmuch as, although it contains more fat (oil) than other cereals, yet it is of such a nature, and so easily assimilated, that fowls fed on oats can never get over-fat as on wheat, barley or maize. Clover-hay was much recommended by the writer last winter (with splendid results), especially where green food is scarce. Clover is rich in protein (flesh formers). Scientists contend that in 100 pounds of clover hay there is 11 pounds of protein and 3 pounds of fat, whilst 32 pounds of heat and energy producing matter is found, including lime. It should be finely chopped (in a chaff cutter) and steamed for many hours until every particle is thoroughly swollen and it resembles freshly cut grass. It should be mixed with other meals in proportion of one-third, and will be found to combine high nutritive properties with health-giving effect. Readers are reminded that the object of feeding (when egg-production is the desideratum) is to repair constant waste of the fibre and tissue—sustenance for the bird, material for egg-production, for it must be remembered that the composition of hen and egg is similar. Before concluding this feeding note, readers are reminded of the advantages of filling to a good depth the scratching shed, covered runs, and even poultry houses, with dried leaves, now so plentiful in town and country. Such leaves are splendid for poultry, and provide the necessary exercise which keeps birds of all ages in health and vigour. All grain should be scattered in such litter and will keep the hens busily employed in the coldest of weather. Those who can store dried leaves are advised to do so without delay. After use in the scratching shed such litter makes the best manure for gardens.

Fattening turkeys which have been on the stubbles demand attention now, and "E. M." South Norwood Hill, who seeks information, is advised that they should be pushed on with easily digested food. Cooked corn, Sussex ground oats, barley meal, and middlings in equal quantities make a good food when mixed with skim milk, and towards the last few weeks a little mutton fat added helps to form juicy flesh of good colour; in fact, for prime quality flesh this diet is the best. A handful of pepper and salt to each bucketful of food given every other day is advised. "Boiled and mashed potatoes may be used, mixing two parts with one part ground oats and one part barley meal; whilst for a change three parts mashed potatoes, one middling, one barley meal, and one cooked maize, all scalded with skim milk, is an excellent feed. Experiments recently made proved that blocks of turkeys confined for twenty-one days increased on an average of four and a half pounds when fed first ten days on a mash consisting of two parts each of boiled potatoes, boiled turnips, barley meal, maize meal, ground oats, linseed meal, (all prepared the previous night), given in the morning, and at eventide crushed maize, oats and barley. The birds should be fed in V-shaped troughs, the top being 9 inches from the ground, and long enough for twenty birds. Only sufficient should be given to be eaten at one meal. All grain given should be placed in the troughs and not thrown on the ground, as turkeys prefer to take a mouthful rather than to pick up each corn separately. Cleanliness of the troughs is of the greatest importance. The feed mentioned may be varied by adding pulped swedes, celery tops, and green cut bone, whilst Spadd's poultry meal will be found a beneficial change. All birds should be kept well supplied with grit

and charcoal and given plenty of skim milk to drink. The feeding operations should be near the building in which they are penned up, and a bedding of soft litter or dried leaves is preferable to perches for the birds to rest upon. Three to four weeks is sufficiently long confinement for fattening purposes, and during this time the turkeys must be kept in clean surroundings. Two hours' exercise each day is sufficient.

The careful breeder of poultry, whether the stock is required for exhibition or utility, is advised to keep a strict record of the birds used in the breeding pen as a guide for future mating, and for breeding with stock possessing the most desirable qualities or properties. That like breeds like is a truth which should never be absent from the progressive poultry breeder's mind. Colour, size, shape, head points, bone, vigour, and general productiveness are the necessary foundations on which to build a reliable strain. All these essentials have too long been neglected by poultry keepers, especially agriculturalists, with deplorable results, but the awakened interest now manifest bids fair to improve matters considerably. Why pedigree should for so many years be confined to equine, bovine, porcine, or canine stock has always surprised the writer, when, by the aid of line breeding, careful records, and trap-nests, poultry can be easily and permanently improved. It will generally be found a certain source of profit to devote time, energy and money on strain, and to shun any haphazard methods. Those who intend to make purchases this autumn will do well to see that the vendor is a breeder that can be trusted to sell stock absolutely of the strain he advertises. The interest excited by the illustrations and details of trap-nests in last two weeks' Daily Telegraph bids fair to be productive of much good this winter, and correspondents are assured that without a trap-nest and numbered hens it is impossible to ascertain to a certainty if hens lay fifty or one hundred and fifty eggs in the year, for even in the most prolific breeds of poultry there are almost barren hens. The various laying competitions amply demonstrated this fact, for even in such breeds as the buff Orpington, buff rock, white Wyandotte and white Leghorn, all of which have occupied at different times premier positions, there have been competing pens of similar breeds which have proved most indifferent layers. Trap-nests ensure a prolific strain of fowls, and appeal strongly to the poultry keeper who wants a full egg-basket, and a flock of birds that are essentially layers.

## CARRION PLANTS

Stapelias are in the vegetable kingdom what starfish are in the animal kingdom. They belong to the old, queer looking, and in one respect disagreeable section of plants, their stems being fleshy, their flowers star-shaped, often hairy and lurid in colour, and they have a powerful carrion-like odour, which is strong enough to attract bluebottle flies. It is said that his odour serves the same purpose in the economy of these plants as fragrance does in others, its object being to attract flies, which, when busy "blowing" the flowers, scatter the pollen and so effect fertilization. On the whole, therefore, stapelias are not what one would call drawing-room plants; yet they have a fascination for some people, who have made collections of them and studied their peculiar habits with interest; indeed, one of these enthusiasts when an invalid went so far as to insist on the plants being brought when in flowers into his bedroom because he loved to see and smell them! They are all African, and many species to be discovered in the arid regions of that country are already known to botanists. They used to be abundant in Cape Colony, but sheep and goats have devoured most of them, and it is said the natives even find their succulent stems palatable. They ripen seeds in abundance, and as each seed has attached to it an awn which serves as a flying machine, their distribution is as secure as that of the dandelion and thistle. The seeds germinate readily in moist sandy soil and the plants grow quickly to flowering size. In the winter they are happiest when kept dry, but during summer months they like as much water as can be grown in a house from which frost is excluded, provided they get plenty of sunshine in summer. Some of them have very large flowers; in *S. gigantea* they are a foot in diameter, and there are many with flowers about six inches across. *S. hirsuta*, here figured, is one of the best known; the flowers are four inches across, very hairy, claret coloured, and almost leather like. The commonest species, *S. bufonia*, is cultivated here and there in cottagers' windows.

## MADAME CALVE AS MASCOT.

Like most Southerners, Mascagni is very superstitious, and is a great believer in "charms" and tokens. His principal charm, which he never fails to wear, is a watch fob on which are hung some teeth of his first two children. The great composer also believes in luck attaching to persons as well as to things, and he is firmly convinced that if he can only get Mme. Calve to sing in his operas, they are certain to be successful. Of course, her name would be bound to carry weight, but apart from this, Mascagni thinks that she will bring luck to any opera in which she appears.

Mrs. Flipflop—Yours is a foreign title, is it not, count?  
Count Wiskiwiski—Madam, I am a Pole.  
Mrs. Flipflop (gushing)—A Pole? How delightful! You at least will be able to set all our doubts at rest. Pray tell me which we are to believe, Commander Peary or Dr. Cook?—*Golf Illustrated.*

# Beethoven, the Man

To the musical, no less than to the general public, Sir Herbert Tree's promised production of the play "Beethoven" should be of great and genuine interest. For, if it be granted that "of all who have written music, Handel was the greatest man," a dictum I am not disposed to dispute, which Mr. R. A. Streetfield enunciates in his recently-issued study of the mighty Saxon, it can hardly be denied that to Beethoven, the greatest of all the world's musicians, belongs a very high place as a man. An intensely human creature, Beethoven may well be treated historically, and if it be Sir Herbert Tree's intention to portray the physical man, there can be no overwhelming difficulty in arriving at a clear idea of his outward appearance, for pen-portraits abound, many of which are authentic. But precisely how Sir Herbert Tree is to reduce his own abundant material into the limited space (of five feet five inches) is not very clear to the layman, and a small one, only to the layman who has seen the Mime of Hans Behstein. However, "in the limited space (of five feet five inches) was concentrated the pluck of twenty battalions," as Seyfried has it, and no musician is likely to cavil if Tree's Beethoven is a psychological rather than a mere physical portrayal.

Nevertheless, Beethoven, the physical man, must have been an object of immense interest to those who knew him, if only by sight. It is a familiar fact that he was very broad across the shoulders, and very firmly and squarely built, the "image of strength," as some one has said. His hands were "much covered with hair, the fingers strong and short, and the tips broad"; it is even added, by Ries, I think, that he was compelled to shave his face right up to the eyes. A massive, broad jaw; a firm, almost grim, mouth; very bright but not large eyes, that were wont to dilate extensively in moments of great pleasure or emotion, and have been variously described as black, blueish grey, and brown in color; a head that was large, with high and broad forehead; hair in great abundance that was always "in shock," and that, though originally black or nearly so, ultimately became snowy white, in striking contrast to his somewhat rubicund complexion; teeth that remained white and regular to the day of his death—such appears to have been Beethoven, the physical man, as generally depicted, while there is a characteristic thumb-nail sketch contained in the following brief analysis: "Beethoven was not made for practical life. Never could he play at cards or dance. He dropped everything that he took into his hands, and overthrew the ink into his piano. He cut himself horribly in shaving."

## A Young Dandy

"Ein unordentlicher Kerl" (a disorderly creature) was Beethoven's own description of himself, and the adjective seems to have been at least as well applicable to his manner of wearing his clothes as to the very clothes themselves. In his early days in Vienna his pleasure was to appear garbed in the latest fashion, and a delightful pen-portrait exists which depicts him in silk stockings, periwinkle long boots, carrying a sword, a double eye-glass, and a seal ring. But the vanity of these early days did not endure for longer than a season, since Czerny has written of Beethoven as wearing on the occasion of one—I think his first—visit a thick, scruffy beard nearly half an inch long, his pitch-black hair unkempt and unbrushed, his ears filled with cotton-wool that appeared to have been soaked in some loose, hairy material, which gave him the appearance of Robinson Crusoe. At yet another period we see him in the far more picturesque garb of a light blue tailed coat with yellow buttons, a white waistcoat and tie, "all very untidy." Indeed, untidiness seems to have been thoroughly characteristic of the man, who himself has told the tale of his taking a letter, addressed by his own hand, to the postoffice, only to be asked on presenting it to the official, to what town it was to be forwarded. We know from his manuscripts and sketchbooks that his penmanship was apt to be very ill-conditioned.

But it must not be thought that untidiness was the sole characteristic of this Colossus. His smile is said to have been angelic to his friends, however grim and repellent his manner may have been to others; and his voice became genial and soft in tone on occasion. That he was not made for a practical life, as someone has said, seems clear enough, but it is not quite the whole truth. In many respects he was simplicity itself, as, for example, when he asked (according to Moscheles): "What these d-d boys are laughing at?" when he was standing before an open window clad only in his nightshirt; or again, when he preferred to quit one lodging for another rather than abandon his constant practice of shaving cream populo, as it were, at his window, whereby a crowd of people was wont to collect and watch him. The stories are quite familiar to the musician of historic taste, if not to the greater public, of Beethoven insisting on paying a restaurant keeper for a meal really had neither ordered nor eaten; and, which he had neither ordered nor eaten, in like manner, of his becoming oblivious to the existence of the horse which he kept for exercise until reminded thereof by a long account for its keep.

## Business and Politics

In spite, however, of all the intense simplicity of his nature, Beethoven was a keen, if not what is now called a good business man. There are countless references in the splendid collection of letters reviewed in this column on its appearance some six months or so ago

to money matters in connection with Beethoven's compositions. And if no one can say that Beethoven reaped even approximately his due reward for his work (witness the £50 for which he undertook, for our own London Philharmonic Society, the Choral Symphony), having regard to the enormous sums of money that publishers have derived from them (a way that publishers are reported to have), yet it seems clear that he himself was fairly well satisfied with the terms generally accorded to him. On the comparatively few occasions on which any haggling over a bargain or a deal arose, Beethoven appeared to be content, with, roughly speaking a few shillings extra, all too often because he had not the time necessary to drive a bargain, since he, like the lesser gods, stood in absolute need of ready funds to defray everyday, commonplace expenses.

A very interesting and even entertaining paper might be written upon Beethoven as politician. Sir Hubert Parry has said that he had very strong and independent views about great social subjects. "His sympathies were all on the side of the masses and against privileges and class distinctions and artificial dignities of all sorts. He could hardly be patient at the conventional subservience expected of ordinary people when they were brought into contact with aristocrats, for he felt that the common people were often worthier and more useful members of society than the individuals they were expected to bow down to." Numerous tales of this attitude are told by every biographer of Beethoven, but the classical instance of his "Republicanism" (if the term may pass), is that connected with the Eroica Symphony. As all the world knows, the idea of this symphony arose from General Bernadotte's suggestion that a symphony should be written in honour of Napoleon, at the time when Napoleon was the restorer of order and prosperity, the great leader to whom no difficulties were obstacles." Ries tells us that the outside page of the first copy of the Eroica bore only two names—that of Bonaparte at the top, of Luigi van Beethoven at the bottom. On May 18, 1804, Napoleon assumed the title of Emperor. When the news reached Beethoven a tremendous explosion occurred: "After all, then," said Beethoven, "he is nothing but an ordinary mortal! He will trample all the rights of men under foot to indulge his ambition, and become a greater tyrant than anyone!" And with these words he seized his music, tore the title page in half, and threw it on the ground, and his admiration was turned into hatred.

"We are here in want of money, for it costs us twice as much as formerly—curse war," he wrote in 1809, and added further, "I have already become a member of the Society of Fine Arts and Sciences—so I have got a title—ha, ha! I cannot help laughing!"

In good sooth Beethoven was a man whose psychological self was nothing if not dramatic.—"Musician," in London Daily Telegraph."

## GROWTH OF A BOY GENIUS

His Father's Amazing Theory of Education More details are now being obtained of the extraordinary history of William James Sidus, the eleven-year-old prodigy whose admission to Harvard University as an undergraduate was announced a few weeks ago. It is claimed for this boy that he is not a freak nor a phenomenon. He is the result of an experiment by which his father, Professor Boris Sidus, of Brookline, Mass., has sought to prove some of his theories. Professor Sidus is a psychologist. That is, he is a student and expert on the human mind.

Sidus had a theory of "latent energy" of the mind. He believed that just as the athlete has a "second wind," and just as the body rallies under severe strain, permitting new and extraordinary exertion, so the human brain is capable, if called upon to do so, to rise to almost any task and test. And this not only without harm, but with actual benefit to the mind. The result was that the child, not being held down to the alphabet, "learning to count ten," and a few vague and unrelated facts about the things he saw about him, was as easily interested in history as he was in Mother Goose. He didn't "learn to count ten," but he learned by playing dominoes, the relation of numbers (not figures), and his mind was permitted to discover for itself that twice two makes four.

They found that a simple book on chemistry was as interesting to the child when he first began to read as was "Alice in Wonderland." Not only as interesting, but as understandable.

## He Understood

Well, this Sidus boy went to school when he was six years old. He entered the first grade as usual, and by noon was sent up to the third grade. In six months he had passed through seven school grades, and he didn't study more than, if as much as, did his fellow-pupils. Indeed, it is doubtful if he really had to study as other children understand the word. He read the text-books, through and understood them. To "study," in the modern acceptance of the word, is to mentally tear the book up and store its statements, definitions, and dates—un-understood—in the head. This is purely a parrot's method.

When the Sidus boy was nine years old he was ready for Harvard. They had to take him out of school for a couple of years because he was physically a little child (and mentally, too), and he could not endure the discipline, the sitting still, and the dull routine of high

school. He was, in fact, the mischievous little rascal of seven or eight years.

Remember, this is no bulging-browed "cramping machine." It is just a healthy child who has been taught that he has a mind and how to use it.

Professor Sidus says that modern school methods tend to repress children and to stunt their minds by holding them down to certain "easy" subjects. "This," says Sidus, gets the child's mind into a groove and destroys its courage, its originality, and its power for independent thought. It makes the brain merely a receptacle for information rather than a producer of knowledge and thought.

Professor Sidus has at least given us something to think about.

He believes that there are two great faults with our school system. "First, education is not begun early enough and, second, that children are 'taught' rather than 'educated.'"

## Encouraging the Reasoning Powers

To "teach" is to cram a fact or a definition or a date or the name of a letter or the word c-a-t into a baby brain. To "educate" is to permit and encourage the child-brain to learn automatically by encouraging the reasoning powers. This sounds a little dense, but perhaps we can make it plain. Sidus took his baby boy in hand when he was less than two years old. He started three separate lines of development. First, he was taught a love of play and physical exertion; then Mrs. Sidus was assigned the duty of giving the child a full normal dose of Mother Goose, fairy tales, and all the babble and prattle of nursery days. The father, then, each day sought, not to teach the child anything, but to lead him to discover for himself some fact and the relation of that fact to other facts.

The first course gave the child a sturdy body and made him a lover of outdoors and an expert in all childish games. The second course kept him a "baby" and stimulated his imagination. The third gave him facility in handling that most wonderful of all tools—the reasoning brain.

Never in his life has he been told, in answer to a question, that he "wouldn't understand." Never has he been told a thing is true "because father says so." Never has he been given a false or slovenly answer in reply to his childish questions. Each time the little mind reached out—whether to ask, "How big is the sun?" or "Why does the kitty have a tail?"—a careful truthful answer has been given. Sidus found that the "foolish questions" which his boy asked were the same that all children asked, but he saw in them the groping of the awakening mind, and sought to give them direction, purpose and relation."

## SHE MINDED HER MANNERS

Miss Prindle was a formal and precise old lady who "conducted" a very select sewing class for young girls. Besides an excellent school for learning needlework, Miss Prindle's pupils were instructed in the niceties of old-fashioned manners. Miss Prindle was herself a model of propriety, and had her pupils tried only to imitate her, their time would not have been wasted.

One day, downtown, Miss Prindle saw coming toward her a girl whom she recognized to be Marion Knight, one of her sewing class. The girl was walking along rapidly, not seeming to notice her teacher. As the two met, Miss Prindle caught her eye and bowed and smiled in her most formal way. She then passed on, reflecting that Marion would doubtless benefit by the example of her salute, and some time be herself an example to others.

A few yards farther on, to her surprise, Miss Prindle again encountered—so she thought—Marion Knight. The girl was coming toward her, as before.

Miss Prindle stopped.

"Are you?" she began, "are you not Marion Knight?"

"Certainly, Miss Prindle," said the girl.

"And didn't I meet you only a moment ago?" she asked.

"No, Miss Prindle, I think that was my twin sister, Elsie."

Miss Prindle looked her confusion. "And she—she isn't in my sewing class, is she, Marion?"

"No, Miss Prindle; she has been away at school for a long time."

"O dear! O dear!" exclaimed the old lady. "And I don't know her, and I bowed and smiled to her!"

"Oh—Marion, dear, will you tell her just as soon as you see her that I shouldn't have smiled and bowed to her, because I've never met her, you see? It was very bad form, you understand."

"But, Miss Prindle," protested the girl, "I think you met her last year when we first came to live here. Don't you remember? It was at the church bazaar."

"Oh, so I did!" cried the other, after a moment. "So I did. Well, in that case Marion, you may tell your sister that I am glad I bowed, but I shouldn't have smiled. Good-bye, dear!"

## LYRICS FROM THE POETS.

Sweet stream, that winds through yonder glade,  
Apt emblem of a virtuous maid—  
Silent and chaste she steals along,  
Far from the world's gay, busy throng;  
With gentle yet prevailing force,  
Intent upon her destined course;  
Graceful and useful all she does,  
Blessing and best where'er she goes;  
Pure bosom'd as that watery glass,  
And heaven reflected in her face.—Cowper.

"I hope and pray," remarked a gentleman, as he left the steamer, "that I shall never have to cross the Atlantic again."

"Rough passage, eh?" queried a friend.

"Rough is no name for it. I had four kings beat three times."—New York Sun

# Thirty-Five Beautiful Lace Robes Go on Sale, Monday, at Half Price and Less

Monday, we are making a general clearance of Beautiful Robes. Fashion's very latest dictates are fully exemplified in this exquisite gathering which is to be seen in our Government Street windows, and which will be placed on sale Monday at remarkable reductions. It must be remembered that there are only about thirty-five, so that every lady of taste and refinement who wishes to take advantage of this special bargain event will have to attend early.

<b>White Lace Robes,</b> Regular \$45.00 and \$50.00, for This lot consists of five beautiful White Lace Robes. The designs are simply exquisite. Made of very fine net, in Oriental lace design. Regular price \$45.00 and \$50.00, for	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>White Lace Robes,</b> Regular \$35.00. Monday Three beautiful White Lace Robes, Swiss net, go on sale. These are exceptionally pretty. Two of these were priced at \$25.00, while one is a \$35.00 robe, all of which go on sale Monday at	<b>\$11.50</b>	<b>White Sequin Robes,</b> Regular \$100.00 and \$125.00, for These are in a number of very elaborate and beautiful designs, in color combinations of ivory, pink and gold sequins. The regular prices were \$100.00 and \$125.00, but to clear them out Monday we have marked them down to	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>White Lace Robes,</b> Regular \$75.00. Monday Five beautiful \$75.00 White Lace Robes go on sale at exactly half price. They are made of extra heavy lace, very fine net, and were regularly sold for \$75.00. Monday's Sale, your choice of these five	<b>\$37.50</b>	<b>Black Sequin Robes,</b> Regular \$65.00. Monday What is more beautiful than a pretty Black Sequin Robe? There are four of these going on sale Monday. The design is indeed fancy, trimmed with silver beads. Regular \$65.00. Monday	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>Black Lace Robes,</b> Regular \$65.00 and \$75.00, for This offering consists of three handsome Black Lace Robes, made of fine Spanish lace and Chantilly lace. The regular selling prices were \$65.00 and \$75.00, but Monday your choice for	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>White Lace Robes,</b> Regular \$17.50. Monday There are only three of these. They are made of fine Swiss net, in a beautiful applique design. Very elaborate considering the medium price which this class was sold at regularly. Special Price Monday	<b>\$6.75</b>	<b>Black Sequin Robes,</b> Regular \$100.00. Monday Very rarely indeed is such an offering made, and especially right in the middle of the season. This one is a very handsome one, trimmed with silver, gold and black sequins. Regular price \$100.00. Special Monday	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>Black Sequin Robes,</b> Regular \$17.50. Monday For those not wishing a White Lace Robe for \$6.75, possibly a black one would suit. These three are very fancy, indeed. The regular prices were \$17.50. Special Monday	<b>\$6.75</b>

## Christmas Neckwear

Our Christmas Neckwear has just arrived, and includes all the latest novelties from London, Paris, etc. Exclusive styles for women, misses and girls.

- LACE STOCK COLLAR, white and cream ..... 25¢
- FANCY LACE AND IMITATION IRISH LACE JABOTS. Price ..... 25¢
- FANCY SILK BOWS, trimmed jet drops ..... 25¢
- ALL-SILK TIES, with fancy ends ..... 25¢
- SILK BOW TIES, with fancy buckles ..... 35¢
- FANCY NET STOCK COLLARS, trimmed colored braid 35¢
- EMBROIDERED LINEN COLLARS. Sizes 12½ to 14. Prices, 35¢ and ..... 25¢
- JABOTS of imitation Irish lace, with bow to match ..... 35¢
- GUIPURE AND ORIENTAL LACE STOCK COLLARS. 50¢
- FANCY SILK AND SATIN TIES, all colors, with jet slide 50¢
- SILK CORD TIES, with steel and gilt bead drop ends ..... 50¢
- BLACK VELVET RIBBON BOWS, good quality ..... 50¢
- COAT COLLARS of heavy guipure lace ..... 50¢
- LAWN JABOTS, neatly embroidered ..... 50¢
- EMBROIDERED DUTCH COLLARS of fine lawn, edged with lace ..... 50¢
- COLLAR AND CUFF SETS of imitation Irish lace. Set. 75¢
- KNITTED SILK TIES, with tassel ends, in white only ..... 75¢
- FANCY NET COLLARS, trimmed lace and ribbon ..... 75¢
- FANCY COLLARS, trimmed lace and silk cord ..... 75¢
- BLACK NET COLLARS, trimmed duchesse ribbon ..... 75¢
- IMITATION IRISH LACE COLLAR, jabot to match ..... 75¢
- FANCY EMBROIDERED LAWN DUTCH COLLARS. 75¢
- DUTCH COLLARS of imitation Battenburg, with Irish lace edging ..... 75¢
- CREAM NET STOCK, with jabot to match ..... 75¢
- COAT COLLAR of embroidered lawn, with Irish lace edging. Price ..... \$1.00
- GUIPURE AND FANCY APPLIQUE LACE COLLARS, full shape ..... \$1.00
- FANCY LACE COLLARETTES, in white, cream and black. Price ..... \$1.00
- STOCK COLLAR AND JABOT of net, with black duchesse band ..... \$1.00
- FANCY LACE AND LAWN DUTCH COLLARS ..... \$1.00
- FANCY LACE STOCKS, handsome pattern, in cream ..... \$1.25
- IMITATION IRISH LACE DUTCH COLLAR ..... \$1.25
- FANCY SILK AND NET COLLARS, in neat box ..... \$1.25
- LAWN STOCK, trimmed lace, with jabot attached ..... \$1.25
- FANCY CHIFFON STOCK, with dainty lace medallions and trimmed gold gauze ribbon ..... \$1.50
- FANCY COLLAR of chiffonette, trimmed lace jet buttons and gauze ribbon ..... \$1.50
- IMITATION IRISH DUTCH COLLARS, very handsome design ..... \$1.75
- LAWN AND LACE TRIMMED STOCK, with jabot attached ..... \$2.00
- FANCY LACE DUTCH COLLAR, nice full shape ..... \$2.00
- FANCY NET STOCK COLLAR, with jabot attached, trimmed duchesse satin and fancy buckles ..... \$2.50
- RICH LACE COAT AND CUFF SET, beautiful patterns. Per set ..... \$2.50
- DUTCH COLLAR, with Valenciennes lace jabot attached. hand embroidered ..... \$3.50

## Christmas Gift Suggestions in Rugs

Nothing more suitable than one of these beautiful Hearth Rugs or Carpet Squares.

**AXMINSTER HEARTH RUGS**

HEARTH RUGS, heavy Axminster, in a fine range of beautiful colorings and designs:  
Size 54 x 27 inches. Special, each ..... \$2.50  
Size 60 x 36 inches. Special, each ..... \$3.75

HEARTH RUGS, heavy Axminster, in a beautiful assortment of Oriental, conventional, floral and two-toned effects. Sizes 27 x 54 inches to 36 x 72 inches, each \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$6.00 and ..... \$7.50

MOHAIR HEARTH RUGS—These rugs have a soft, silky finish which adds greatly to the appearance of the rug. They come in solid shades of green, crimson, gold, blue, cream, black and grey. Sizes 27 x 50 inches to 36 x 72 inches. Each \$4.00, \$6.75, \$9.00 and ..... \$12.00

**CARPET SQUARES**

We are now in a position to supply any requirement in Carpet Squares, as we have just received a shipment of new Axminsters, Wiltons and Brussels Squares in all the stock sizes, varying in prices from \$12.00 to ..... \$75.00

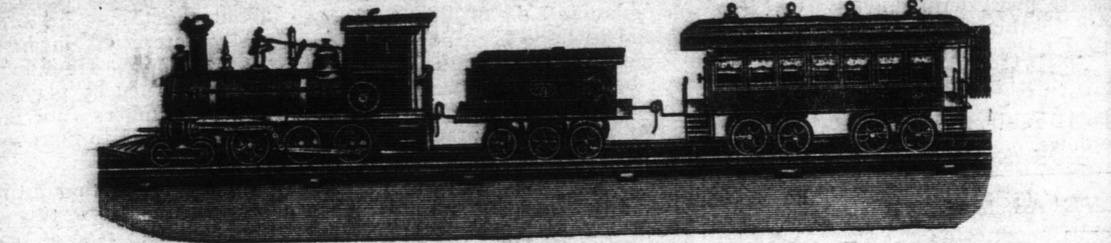
## Shoes That Stand Service

That is the one certain test of superiority after all is said and done.

When you combine this feature with style, variety, good workmanship and correct designing in last and pattern, you have a shoe that is perfect.

Every one of these things is true of "Queen Quality" Shoes for Women. There are thirty-five styles in stock. Prices range from \$4.00 to \$5.50, and we stand back of every pair we sell. Here are a few:—

- A GOOD WALKING BOOT, gun metal calfskin, medium toe and heel ..... \$4.00
- A DRESS BOOT—Patent leather, blucher, dull kid top, Cuban heel ..... \$4.00
- A POPULAR STYLE—Glazed kid blucher, patent tip, Goodyear welts ..... \$4.00
- A BOOT FOR COMFORT—Soft, glazed kid, cushion insoles, very flexible ..... \$5.50
- PATENT KID LACE BOOT—Plain toe, short vamp, high Cuban heel ..... \$5.50
- PATENT COLT BUTTON BOOTS—Dull kid tops. Very dressy and good style ..... \$5.50
- GUN METAL CALFSKIN, on very smart last, Cuban heel and narrow toe ..... \$5.00
- OLD LADIES' COMFORT BOOT—Of soft pliable kid, light turn soles and common-sense heel ..... \$4.00



## Make This Your Christmas Headquarters for Toys

The stock of Toys which we are now showing on the Fourth Floor includes everything imaginable for the pleasing of the little folks. It is truly a Christmas showing, and to bring the little one here will be a pleasure for both. We would suggest that parents endeavor to do their Christmas toy buying early. By doing this you are assured of not being disappointed. It is also suggested that the little ones be accompanied by their parents as much as possible, as the Toy Department is always a busy and crowded spot. A few suggestions for the little ones' benefit will be found in Dolls, Mechanical Toys, Building Blocks, Picture Puzzles, Ships, Trains, Card Games in endless variety.

Take Elevator to Fourth Floor

## Southall's Accouchement Sets

Containing the following carefully selected assortment of necessary appliances and adjuncts for use in confinement cases:

- 1 Sanitary Wool Accouchement Sheet, 28 in. x 25 in.
- 1 Sanitary Wool Accouchement Sheet, 28 in. x 22 in.
- 3 Packets Southall's Sanitary Towels.
- 1 Packet Infants' Knappinettes.
- 1 Obstetric Binder.
- 1 Packet Cotton Wool.
- 1 Packet Absorbent Dressing Pads.
- 1 Large Mackintosh Sheet.
- 1 Small Mackintosh Sheet.
- 1 Box Linen Thread.
- 1 Box Boracic Powder.
- 1 Tube Southall's Special Antiseptic Jelly.
- 1 Box Specially Prepared Fullers Earth.
- 1 Box Safety Pins.
- 1 Packet Vaccination Pads.
- 1 Packet Antiseptic Umbilical Pads.

By purchasing one of these sets you will save trouble and money, besides getting a full supply of the very best articles procurable.

We sell the above set at \$7.50 and a smaller one at \$4.50.

Southall best quality Absorbent Cotton Wool in packets, 1 lb 45¢, 8 oz. 25¢, 4 oz. 15¢, 2 oz. 10¢, 1 oz. 5¢.

Southall's Absorbent Gauze, per packet 15¢

Southall's Boracic Gauze, per packet 15¢

Southall's White Open Wove Bandages, 3 inch, 10¢, 2 1-2 inch 2 for 15¢, 2 inch, 1 1-2 inch, and 1 inch, 5¢ each.

ALL PATENT MEDICINES AND TOILET ARTICLES AT REDUCED PRICES.

## Women's Coats Special, Monday, at \$12.50

Monday gives every lady a fine opportunity to purchase a good coat for winter cheap, as we are placing on sale a number of specially fine ones at extra low prices. These are in colors of blue, green, taupe and black, 48 to 50 inches long, made of fine French Broadcloth with military collar and cuffs, beautifully tailored and finished with stitching. Priced specially for Monday's selling at ..... \$12.50

## Special Values in Men's Furnishings

**Special Values in Men's Print Zephyr and Oxford Shirts**

A new consignment of Men's Shirts in very pretty stripes and checks. These are made up in fine Zephyrs, Prints and Oxfords, all sizes from 14 to 16½. The regular value of these would be \$1.25 and \$1.50. Special Price ..... \$1.00

**New Silk Neckwear for Men at 50¢**

A choice assortment of new Four-in-Hand Ties just opened out; the first part of our new Christmas stock. Very pretty shades and patterns, all in good taste, such as gentlemen like to wear. A large and varied range ..... 50¢

**Flannelette Nightshirts for Men Just to Hand**

Nice, warm, soft striped Flannelette Nightshirts, large sizes up to 17½, striped patterns, some with braid trimming and some quite plain. Prices \$1.25, \$1.00 and ..... 75¢

**Men's and Boys' Warm Wool-lined Mocha Gloves for Cold Days**

BROWN MOCHA GLOVES, lined with warm wool, all sizes for men. Per pair \$1.75, \$1.25 and ..... \$1.00

BOYS' WOOL LINED MOCHA GLOVES, useful for school and everyday wear. Per pair ..... 85¢

MEN'S KNITTED WOOL GLOVES, extra warm, heather-brown, grey, black and white. Per pair, 75¢ and ..... 50¢

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President's References to our Matters Received with Pleasure

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Finance Minister's Budget Made Easier by the Message

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OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The funeral of the late Mr. J. Muldoon, the heaviest man in Canada, who died last Monday at Quyon, Que., this morning to his great weight, 460 pounds, impossible to get into the coffin into a hearse, and the were conveyed to the cemetery in an open vehicle. The weight of and body was so great that it had to be taken out of the house of the undertaker.

Warning For Ontario  
GUELPH, Ont., Dec. 8.—At present at the opening of the session of the Ontario legislature, Mr. J. S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture, has issued a warning to the farmers of Ontario, at the annual dinner of the students of the Ontario Agricultural College last night, when he said that the people of Ontario were to lose the title of being the breadbasket of the Dominion.

Charge of False Pretences  
VANCOUVER, Dec. 8.—Craig, a young man who has been in real estate for some time, was arrested yesterday by MeLeod and Thomson on a charge of false pretences. He was charged with obtaining money from several persons by means of false promises. He was charged with obtaining money from several persons by means of false promises. He was charged with obtaining money from several persons by means of false promises.

Important Libel Suit  
VIENNA, Dec. 8.—A case having important political implications brought by several deputy Croatian Diet and the Hungarian Diet against the Austrian Government, will begin in the next few days. This action is reported to be the first of its kind in Europe that the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina was forced upon him by the Austro-Hungarian Government. He is reported to be a popular rising against the annexation of Croatia and South Hungary, accusing the plaintiff of deceiving Serbian bribes to the rising. Dr. Friedjung claims possession of authentic documents proving his charges.